

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the present Amendment. The Official Action, mailed September 22, 2005, has been carefully reviewed. By this Amendment, the Abstract of the Disclosure and claims 1, 3, 5 and 8 have been amended, and claim 4 has been canceled.

The Examiner has objected to the Abstract of the Disclosure as being too long, i.e., containing more than 150 words. By this Amendment, the Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended so as to comply with the recommended length of same.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,054,338 (Martin) in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0066121 (Steadman). It is respectfully submitted that a review of these references, taken individually or in combination, reveals that these references do not disclose, suggest or make obvious the Applicant's invention. The Applicant's invention is directed to a dental cart comprising a base unit, a top member that is rotatable and/or horizontally movable forward and rearward with respect to the base unit and an upright open or closed supply cabinet attached to the top member so as to be rotatable and/or horizontally movable forward and rearward therewith. The dentist would typically place the Applicant's dental cart adjacent to or behind the head of the patient so that it is readily available to the dentist while performing the required dental services. Thus, the Applicant's dental cart provides a "rear" delivery system with respect to the placement of same relative to the patient.

The Martin reference (U.S. Patent No. 4,054,338) discloses a cabinet having two separate stacked sections, the upper section being rotatable with respect to the lower

section. The upper section, which is not slidable with respect to the lower section, has a top that is slidable in two directions. The cabinet disclosed in this reference differs from the Applicant's dental cart in that the cabinet is comprised of two sections (a lower section and an upper section). Even though the upper section is rotatable with respect to the lower section, it is not slidable with respect thereto. The only portion of the upper section that is slidable is the top surface thereof. In contrast, the Applicant's dental cart is not divided into two sections, and the top member (the dental instrument holding surface) is rotatable and movable forward and rearward with respect to the base unit. In addition, the Applicant's dental cart includes a supply cabinet that is attached to the top member. Such a supply cabinet is not utilized in the cabinet disclosed in this reference.

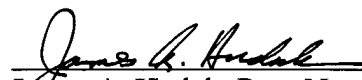
The Steadman reference (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0066121) discloses a storage apparatus comprising a pair of storage members pivotally mounted about a vertical lifting arrangement. The storage members and the vertical lifting arrangement are locatable within a base assembly and can be slid outwardly therefrom permitting one of the storage members to be raised to provide access thereto. In contrast, the Applicant's dental cart has a single storage member, rather than a pair of storage members, and the storage member in the Applicant's dental cart is not movable vertically, as in this reference. In addition, the Applicant's dental cart includes a supply cabinet which is attached to the top member. Such a supply cabinet is not present in the storage apparatus of this reference.

In view of the foregoing structural differences between the Applicant's dental cart and the apparatus disclosed in the foregoing references, it is respectfully submitted that the Applicant's invention is not disclosed, suggested or obvious in view of these

references, taken individually or in combination, and is patentable thereover. However, in order to more specifically define the Applicant's invention, by this Amendment, independent claim 1 has been amended so as to include the structural limitation of at least one movable slide member interposed between the base unit and the top member, and the further limitation that the rotating means and the at least one movable slide member permit the top member to be rotated and moved forward and rearward with respect to the base unit. It is respectfully submitted that by this Amendment of independent claim 1, this claim, and all of the remaining claims dependent thereon, are now in condition for allowance. It is also respectfully submitted that independent claim 6 contained sufficient structural limitations so as to be allowable as originally submitted and that independent claim 6, and all claims dependent thereon, are similarly in condition for allowance.

In view of this Amendment, it is respectfully submitted that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, and such action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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